

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 26-48 are in the case.

**I. ALLOWED CLAIMS**

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 26-48 are allowed. In light of that indication, and in order to expedite prosecution, the remaining claims in the case have been canceled without prejudice.

**II. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

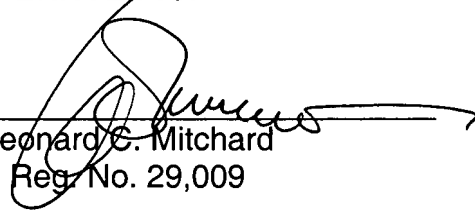
An IDS is submitted concurrently herewith.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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